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1. The locomotive works at Grivița employs some 2,500 workers while the car shops have about 2,000 workers. There is a small bronze foundry attached to the workshops.
2. In all there are around 400 machine tools and 16 forges with capacities of up to 1,500 kilograms. The machine tools are modern but are now showing signs of wear after heavy use during and since the war. The result is that tolerances which should be of the order of 0.1 to 0.2 mm. are now at least 0.5 mm.
3. An undue strain is put on these machines by the varying hardness of the rolled materials supplied by Reșița.
4. There have been repeated requests for replacements for a number of machines but so far the only ones received have been six boiler-tube machines from Czechoslovakia. These latter have not come up to the expected precision required.
5. Heavy castings and pressed parts are delivered by Reșița, Farola and Laromet and are finished at Grivița.
6. The monthly output for complete and general overhauling of locomotives is 27 and for cars 100. Grivița had turned out 35 locomotives per month before the war.
7. There is a surplus of 600 locomotives owing to reduced traffic. These have been cannibalized to such an extent, because of the shortage of spare parts and to keep up production, that [] only some four to five percent of these would be available if suddenly required.
8. In addition, there are about 200 locomotives of "type 150,000" which were brought to Rumania by the Soviets for complete overhaul in April 1948. The Soviets have stopped the final work for minor technical reasons, and [] the locomotives are being kept in reserve for emergencies as they are scattered throughout the country.

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